

MORE STORIES TOLD OF ABUSES IN ARMY

Soldiers Arrested on Minor Charges
Frightfully Beaten by Those In Charge at Prisons.

MANY DRIVEN TO SUICIDE

Sergeant Tells of Stealing Auto Tires
at Command of His Superior Officer.

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WASHINGTON, Aug. 16.—Following the demand of Representative Dickinson that there be an investigation of the treatment of American soldiers at hands of Lieut. "Hard-boiled" Smith, who was in charge of an American military prison, H. C. Johnson, business manager of the *Tulsa Morning Tribune*, formerly a sergeant in the engineers, is quoted in that paper as follows:

"An American soldier who had been picked up in Paris for being absent without leave was brought before an officer known as 'Hard-boiled' Smith" and questioned as to how long he had been absent without leave, and he told the lieutenant he had been in a w. o. l. for three days. It was discovered later that the man had been absent without leave three weeks. This is a new phase after the authorities were signed."

This prisoner was beaten until when I saw him the next morning he was bloody. He had been ducked with all his clothing on in a tub of cold water the afternoon before and thrown into a dungeon to sleep upon its floor with wet clothing, upon nothing to protect him from the cold.

Took Beating at Point of Rifle.

"Private Ed Gallagher, of company B, Fourteenth engineers, said that while he was in a prison camp he saw one military policeman under 'Hard-boiled' Smith beat an American soldier in the face, another one held a gun to the prisoner."

"Sergt. Henry C. Keller, of headquarters detachment Twenty-fifth engineers, and my close friend in the army, who lives at Toledo, Ohio, will swear to the following:

"In the height of the Argonne offensive, when every day was taking toll of American soldiers' lives, our automobile drivers, who were sent to me as his chauffeur and went on a 14-day joyride back to Geivres and Tours, where were about 200 or more miles from the front. During this time he was putting in his time attending officers' clubs, etc."

"While on this trip I had to sleep in the car to keep parties from stealing it. While at Geivres he said to me, 'Keller, we are needing some men and you have slept in the car in the garage tonight and that is what we have them in the morning.'

Stole Tires at Officer's Command.
"This I did, as I had to choose between arousing his anger with the trouble he could give me, and the possibility of being caught stealing the tires. He had too much power over my life and peace of mind for me to do otherwise. Had I been caught stealing these tires it would have meant court-martial and a Leavenworth sentence for me. On our way back to the front he frequently scornfully remarked about my driving."

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